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TAGS: PORG OAS OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJ: BILATERAL BETWEEN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND US JUNE 16, 1977

1. PARTICIPANTS: US: SECRETARY VANCE, ROBERT E WHITE, USOAS, (NOTETAKER). DOMINICAN REBPULIC: FOREIGN MINISTER JIMENEZ, ONE ASSISTANT ((NO NAME)).
 2. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHARED THE VIEWS OF THE SECRETARY ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND OAS REFORM.
 3. REGARDING THE REDUCTION OF THE US QUOTA FROM 66 PCNT TO 49 PCNT THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT THIS WAS A REASONABLE POSITION, BUT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC COULD NOT SPEAK ON ITS BEHALF AT THIS TIME BECAUSE THEY WERE BEHIND IN THEIR PAYMENTS. THIS SITUATION WOULD SOON BE REMEDIED, HE ADDED.
 4. IN RESPONSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S REQUEST, THE
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- SECRETARY STATED WE WOULD STUDY THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC PROPOSAL ON TERRORISM. HE SAID HE WOULD READ IT THIS AFTERNOON AND OUR DELEGATION WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH HIM.
5. IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S QUESTION, THE
FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT THE TERRORISM THREAT IN
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCED,

THAT A THREAT SCARCELY EXISTS.

6. THERE FOLLOWED A LENGTHY EXCHANGE REGARDING THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SINCE THE SECRETARY'S VISIT TO THAT COUNTRY IN 1965. IN RESPONSE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER'S INVITATION, SECRETARY VANCE SAID HE WOULD CERTAINLY ENJOY VISITING THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AGAIN.

7. SECRETARY VANCE ASKED THE FOREIGN MINISTER REGARDING THE PROBLEMS THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FACED. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT LOW PRICES FOR SUGAR AND HIGH PRICES FOR OIL HAVE BEEN A SEVERE BLOW FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. IN RESPONSE TO THE SECRETARY'S QUESTION, THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC HOPES THAT DISCUSSIONS WILL CONTINUE IN LONDON AND THAT A SUGAR AGREEMENT WILL BE ACHIEVED. HE ADDED THAT THE DR FAVORS SUGAR QUOTAS AND BELIEVES THAT THE OLD PRODUCERS SHOULD GET A LARGER SHARE THAN THE NEW PRODUCERS.

8. THE MINISTER STATED HE WAS MOST CONCERNED WHEN HE HEARD A PRESS REPORT THAT MORNING THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND THE US WERE AT ODDS WITH ONE ANOTHER ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND TERRORISM. HE TOLD HIS COLLEAGUES THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SHARED OUR POINT OF VIEW ON BOTH ISSUES.

9. ASSISTANT SECRETARY TODMAN EXPLAINED THAT WE HAD A CONFIDENTIAL

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REPORT THAT THE SOUTHERN CONE COUNTRIES WERE COMBINING TO PRESENT A COMMON RESOLUTION ON TERRORISM AND HUMAN RIGHTS STATEMENT. THE REPORT SAID THAT THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC WAS GOING TO COOPERATE WITH THESE GOVERNMENTS BY PRESENTING A RESOLUTION ON TERRORISM.

10. THE FOREIGN MINISTER STATED THAT AS HE HAD TOLD AMBASSADOR HURWITZ THE INTENTION OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TERRORISM RESOLUTION WAS CONCILIATORY. HE SAID THAT THE RESOLUTION CONTAINED NOTHING NEW AND SHOULD FIND ACCEPTANCE WITH ALL. THE MINISTER ASSERTED THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE DOMINICAN RESOLUTION TO BE USED AGAINST THE US POSITION.

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